

**MAINE EMS
INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2002
MAINE EMS CONFERENCE ROOM, AUGUSTA**

MEETING MINUTES

Present: S Leach – Chair, R. Doughty, P. Knowlton, C. Pillsbury, A Azzara

Staff: D. White, D. Kinney

1. Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:29 a.m.

A. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

2. Investigations

A. Case 01-17 - Response

The Committee entered executive session for the purpose of discussing Case 01-17.

Motion: To enter executive session for the purpose of discussing investigations (Pillsbury:Doughty – motion carries).

The Committee entered executive session at 11:30 p.m. and exited executive session at 11:49 p.m.

The Committee discussed the disposition of case # 01-17.

Motion: In re: case # 01-17, the Committee finds that a violation of the Maine EMS Rules does not exist; that the licensee be issued a letter of guidance regarding public perception of the EMS provider; and that the case be dismissed (Doughty; Pillsbury-motion carries).

3. Applications

A. George Ryder

The Committee reviewed information concerning George Ryder's history of a criminal conviction. The Committee subsequently directed staff to schedule an informal review with applicant George Ryder and to obtain additional information from Mr. Ryder's probation officer and from the Licensed Clinical Social Worker involved in the case.

B. Jeffrey Reed

Staff reported that former licensee Jeffrey Reed has requested a determination for licensure in light of a criminal conviction for which Mr. Reed had been previously investigated. The previous investigation of Mr. Reed had been filed with the stipulation that, should Mr. Reed seek licensure, the investigation could be reopened.

Motion: That the investigation of Jeffrey Reed, previously filed by the Board, be reopened (Doughty;Pillsbury – motion carries).

C. Rebecca Silver

Staff reported that licensee Rebecca Silver practiced without a valid license.

Motion: That Licensee Rebecca Silver practiced EMS patient care without a valid license; that Ms. Silver's practice without a license is a violation of § 11.A.17 of the Maine EMS Rules (dated July 1, 2000); that mitigating circumstances exist in that the licensee completed training and skills requirements for the renewal of her license prior to the expiration of her license in May 2001; that the licensee receive a letter of guidance to resolve this matter; and, that the Scarborough Fire Department, in lieu of a formal investigation, be requested to provide evidence that the department has a plan ensuring that only licensed EMS providers are utilized to provide medical care during the department's EMS responses (Pillsbury;Azzara – motion carries).

D. Thomas Park Jr.

The Committee reviewed information received concerning the 1997 assault conviction of licensee Thomas Park Jr.

Motion: That licensee Thomas Park Jr. receive a letter of guidance concerning his 1997 assault conviction (Pillsbury;Doughty – motion carries).

E. John Adams

The Committee reviewed John Adams 2001 conviction for Operating Under the Influence (OUI).

Motion: That licensee John Adams was convicted of Operating Under the Influence (OUI) in 2001; that Mr. Adams's conviction for OUI constitutes a violation of § 11-A.7. of the Maine EMS Rules; that mitigating circumstances exist in that Mr. Adams took responsibility for his actions, expressed remorse for his actions, and cooperated fully with law enforcement and judicial authorities. Therefore, the Committee directs that licensee John Adams receive a letter of guidance to resolve this matter and that the renewal of Mr. Adams license be approved (Doughty; Leach – motion carries).

F. Jay Morrissette

Following review of information regarding Mr. Morrissette's convictions, the Committee directed that additional information be obtained concerning Mr. Morrissette's 1996 conviction.

4. Other – The Committee was updated on current investigations..

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held after the next Maine EMS board meeting.

6. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Drexell White, Licensing Agent